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RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL.

CHAPTER I.

Appointment and Duties of Visiting Committee.

ARTICLE I.

At the first meeting of the Board of Managers after the annual election, they shall be divided into twelve monthly Visiting Committees, to consist of four members each, two of whom shall retire at the end of each month; the duties of which Committee shall be as follows:

ARTICLE II.

The Visiting Committees (of which two members shall form a quorum) shall meet once in each week at the Hospital, on such day and hour as the Board of Managers shall appoint, and in cases of peculiar emergency, special meetings shall be held at the call of the Chairman of the Committee. If any member of the Committee is unable to attend any of its meetings, he shall procure some other Manager to attend in his place. The

Committee shall visit the wards and rooms in the Hospital, (except those occupied by the Steward and Matron) every week, and at such visit receive from the Stewart a list of the patients, and see each of them if practicable; in which visits they shall not, unless at their own request, be accompanied by any officers of the Hospital. They shall carefully examine the state of every part of the Hospital, and ascertain whether its officers and attendants fulfill their duties faithfully and humanely.

ARTICLE III.

The said Committee shall decide upon the price of board of any patient, which shall in all cases be as low as the funds of the Institution will permit, and shall be graduated as nearly as possible by the circumstances of the patients, and the accommodation they may require. They shall also designate which of the beds in each ward shall be reserved for free patients, after the Board has decided upon the number of beds to be so considered.

ARTICLE IV.

The said Committee shall authorize the Steward and Matron to employ such nurses and other assistants as the number and state of the patients may require, subject however to the approval of the Board of Managers; and shall upon representation of the Steward, Matron or Physicians, provide such articles of furniture, food and medicines, as may be requisite for the establishment, and shall draw orders on the Treasurer for payment thereof, and of the current expenses of the Institution.

ARTICLE V.

The said Committee shall give such directions to the officers of the Hospital, and establish such regulations for the management of the same, from time to time, as they may consider best adapted to effect the objects of the Institution; *Provided*, the same shall not be repugnant to the Charter, or to the By-Laws of the Corporation, or the rules and regulations of the Board; and in case of indecent or immoral conduct, intemperance, or disobedience of the orders of the Physician, on the part of the

patients in the Hospital, they shall report the same to the Board of Managers, who may direct the removal of such patient from the Hospital; and in case of such improper conduct on the part of the nurses or attendants, the Committee shall forthwith dismiss the same from the employ of the Hospital.

ARTICLE VI.

The said Committee shall examine the accounts of the Steward every month, and certify to the Board whether the expenditures have been proper, and shall present at each monthly meeting of the Board a full report of the proceedings of the Hospital, the number of patients received, cured, or dismissed, the cases of decease in the Hospital, and other circumstances of importance that may have occurred during the month previous to such report being made.

ARTICLE VII.

The Visiting Committee shall certify the admission of patients, and the terms thereof, and shall require an obligation with surety, in such form as the Managers may prescribe for the payment of board, medical attendance, medicine, charges in case of death or removal, and other expenses incurred by, or for the patient; or they may receive such security by the deposit of money as they may deem sufficient, the same, except in special cases, not to be less than six weeks board; the balance, if any remaining in the hands of the Committee, to be returned to the patient, or his heirs, in case of his removal or decease.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Visiting Committee shall keep a book of minutes at the Hospital, common to all the Committees in succession, in which shall be entered at each weekly visit, the names of the members present, also the names and description of all persons by them admitted, received, removed or discharged, and all who may have died, or left the Hospital—whether the same be free or pay patients; and all other business which shall come before them; which book shall be laid before the Board of Managers at their monthly meetings.

CHAPTER II.

Admission of Patients to the Hospital.

ARTICLE I.

Applications for the admission of pay patients must be made to a member of the Visiting Committee, on whose certificate, countersigned by the Visiting Physician or Surgeon, they shall be received into the Hospital by the Steward, who, in conjunction with the Visiting Committee, shall take the securities specified in the first Chapter, seventh Article. The price of board and medical attendance in ordinary cases for private rooms, shall be six dollars per week, and for the general wards three dollars per week. No infectious or contagious disease can be admitted under the provisions of the Charter.

ARTICLE II.

All persons suffering from accident or injury, shall be received into the Hospital, within twenty-four hours of the occurrence of such accident, without the usual forms of application.

ARTICLE III.

Patients laboring under attacks of insanity, can only be received under special arrangements made with the Visiting Committee.

ARTICLE IV.

Applications for the admission of free patients must be made *daily* at the Hospital, at 12 M. (Sundays excepted.) The patient, if able, should in all cases apply in person; if unable to attend, the application may be made by a friend, and if necessary, the patient will be visited by the attending Physician or Surgeon, who shall ascertain whether the applicant be a fit subject for admission.

Admission can only be obtained when free beds are vacant, and by a certificate of the Visiting Physician or Surgeon, countersigned by a member of the Visiting Committee, and addressed

to the Steward. Every applicant shall engage to comply with the rules and regulations governing free patients. No persons shall be admitted to free beds, except cases of acute disease, or recent accidents, but no cases of infectious or contagious disease, or Syphilis, can be received, nor patients who have been inmates of other Hospitals within three months before their application, nor can any patient be retained longer than two months without a special vote of the Board.

ARTICLE V.

Each person who now is or may hereafter become a Manager for life, shall have the right to a free bed, to be occupied by such person as he or she may from time to time designate, provided such person may be adjudged by the attending Physician or Surgeon, to fall within the provisions of the Charter and By-Laws of the Hospital, and shall comply with, and be subject to the rules and regulations governing free patients. Such free beds shall be designated by the name of such Manager for life, and shall not be occupied at any time without his or her consent.

ARTICLE VI.

Any individual or association hereafter paying one hundred dollars per annum in advance, shall be entitled to a free bed for one year, subject to the provisions and restrictions prescribed in the preceding Article.

ARTICLE VII.

In consideration of the State appropriation, there shall be ten beds set apart in the general wards of the Hospital for free patients, to be filled in accordance with the provisions of the fourth Article of this Chapter.

CHAPTER III.

Duties of the Steward.

ARTICLE I.

He shall, under the direction of the Visiting Committees, have the general care and superintendence of the Hospital, its buildings, furniture and appurtenances.

ARTICLE II.

He shall, under the direction of the Visiting Committee, purchase fuel, provisions, furniture and stores, and shall be responsible for their safe keeping, economical use and expenditure thereof, and shall keep an accurate account of the same, to be laid before the Managers at their monthly meetings, and shall procure all medicines, surgical apparatus and Liquors, upon the written orders of the visiting Physicians or Surgeons.

ARTICLE III.

He shall collect and receive, under the direction of the Visiting Committee, all dues from patients, and shall pay the same over weekly to the Treasurer. He shall keep a true and exact account of all his receipts and expenditures, which he shall lay before the Visiting Committee whenever required, and before the Managers at their monthly meetings; and previous to entering on the duties of this office, he shall give bond, with surety in the sum of one thousand dollars, to account for all sums of money or other property which may come into his hands.

ARTICLE IV.

Under the direction of the Visiting Committee, he shall hire, pay and discharge, and shall oversee and direct all attendants and servants, in, or about the Hospital; and shall particularly see that they are kind and attentive to the patients, obedient to the directions of the Physicians and Surgeons, and decent, moral

and sober in deportment; and shall report all proceedings under this rule to the Visiting Committee at their next meeting.

ARTICLE V.

He shall visit all the wards every morning and evening, and oftener if necessary, and see that they are clean and in good order, and shall take care that no wine, spirits or tobacco be used by the patients, unless by express direction of the medical attendant. It shall be his duty to appoint for each patient the bed and ward he or she shall occupy, and change the same from time to time, as occasion may require; but always subject in this respect to the orders of the Physician or Surgeon under whose care the patient may be.

ARTICLE VI.

He shall enter in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name, age, residence, and disease of each patient admitted or received, the rate of board with the securities therefor, the time when received, removed, discharged, elapsed or deceased, and whether cured or relieved. He shall from time to time report to the attending Physicians and Surgeons for their action, the names of all free patients who have been in the house more than six weeks; and to the Managers for their action, all cases of free patients, who have been in the house two months; and at every monthly meeting of the Managers he shall lay before them a report containing the above particulars. -

ARTICLE VII.

On the death of any patient, he shall cause the body to be conveyed to a room provided for that purpose, there to remain until delivered to the friends of the deceased, or to the Sexton or Undertaker, to be decently interred, for which he shall be particularly responsible. He shall also, in all cases, give immediate notice of the decease to the attending Physician; from whom he will take directions respecting the notice to be given to the friends, which must be, when practicable, before the interment; and no body must be removed or interred until twenty-four

hours have elapsed after death, except by the instructions of Physicians, or at the express request of the relations. He shall forthwith report to the Visiting Committee whether the deceased left any clothes or articles of value, and shall follow their directions relative to the same.

ARTICLE VIII.

He shall see that all orders and prescriptions of the Physicians and Surgeons, concerning the diet, conduct and exercise or bathing of the patients are exactly and punctually observed, and shall see that a bath is administered in all cases where it is practicable and safe, before a patient is admitted into the wards.

ARTICLE IX.

He shall see that no patient goes out of the Hospital without permission. He shall not permit any person to visit that part of the Hospital appropriated to patients except at such hours as are mentioned in Chapter fourth, or as the Visiting Committee may prescribe; unless in case of emergency, or by a permit from the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, Managers, Physicians or Surgeons of the Hospital, and he shall cause the gates to be locked at a reasonable hour in the evening, as directed by the Visiting Committee.

ARTICLE X.

The Steward shall occupy with his family and attendants such apartments only as the Visiting Committee shall assign him; his table shall be supplied at the expense of the Hospital, in such manner as the Visiting Committee shall direct; and his salary shall be paid quarterly.

CHAPTER IV.

Visitors, Patients, Clergymen, &c.

ARTICLE I.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. friends may be admitted to visit patients, it being understood that no patient shall receive more than one visitor at a time, and that no female patient shall be visited by a male friend, other than her father, son, husband or brother; or such clergyman residing in the county as she may desire to see. No person calling to visit any member of the family of the Steward, or an attendant, shall be admitted to visit the wards, without the special permission of the Steward.

ARTICLE II.

Whenever from any cause it shall be considered inexpedient for any of the rooms to be exhibited to visitors of the Institution, it shall be so reported to the Steward by the Physician or Surgeon, and with the exception of rooms thus designated, the Steward may at any time exhibit to visitors such parts of the establishment as he may think proper.

ARTICLE III.

Such free patients as are able, in the opinion of the Physicians or Surgeons, shall assist in nursing others, or in such services as the Steward or Matron may require; and if any persons refuse to perform such acts, or to comply with the rules and regulations of the Hospital, their names shall forthwith be reported to the Visiting Committee.

ARTICLE IV.

No nurse, attendant or visitor, shall speak of the health of any patient, in the presence of such patient.

ARTICLE V.

The smoking or chewing of tobacco, is prohibited in the Hospital.

ARTICLE VI.

The names of all persons visiting the Hospital, will be recorded in a suitable book when they enter, and unless accompanied by a Manager, or member of the Medical Staff, will be attended through the Institution by the Steward or Matron, or some person specially deputed by them for that purpose.

ARTICLE VII.

To prevent improper interference with the orders of the Physicians or Surgeons, visitors are positively forbidden to supply patients with fermented or distilled liquors; nor can any article of food be furnished to patients by such visitor, without the permission of the medical attendant, or in his absence, of the Steward or Matron.

ARTICLE VIII.

Clergymen residing in the county, of all denominations, except in cases forbidden by the Physician or Surgeon, may, at all reasonable hours, have access to such patients as may desire their attendance.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Western Pennsylvania Hospital.

WHEREAS a number of the citizens of this Commonwealth, actuated by a sense of religious duty, and the benevolent disposition to extend aid, comfort and relief to indigent and afflicted humanity, have made large voluntary contributions, in money and real estate, with a view to the foundation and endowment of a public hospital, to be appropriated for the reception and care of the insane and afflicted, as well as the sick, helpless and infirm, and the contributors having formed themselves into an association for the above object, have now, by the petition of their Board of Managers to the Senate and House of Representatives, prayed for the passage of an act of incorporation:

Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the present managers, elected by the contributors, together with their President, Vice Presidents, and other members and contributors to the above mentioned charitable association, be, and they are hereby made and constituted, a body politic and corporate, in law and fact, under the name, style and title of "THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL," and shall have and enjoy all the rights, powers and privileges, incident by law to a corporation, for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and managing an hospital for the reception and care of the insane and afflicted, as well as the sick, infirm and helpless.

SECTION 2. That the control, government, management and domestic economy of the said Institution, and of the business and concerns of the Hospital, shall be vested in a board of

twenty-one managers, (seven of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business,) who shall be elected at the first annual election under this act, on the third Tuesday of April next; one-third of whom shall be for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years, and at their first meeting thereafter, the said board shall elect from their own number a president, a first vice president, and a second vice president; and at all subsequent annual elections on the third Tuesday of April, seven managers shall be elected by the contributors to serve for the three succeeding years, and no manager shall be ineligible to reelection; to which number shall be added those contributors who may acquire a right to become members of the Board of Managers, agreeably to the provisions contained in the next succeeding section; and if an election shall not be held in any year at the time hereinbefore appointed, the corporation shall not for that cause be dissolved, but an election shall be held as soon afterwards as may be, such notice being given as shall be required by the Rules and By-Laws of the Institution, and until such election, the Officers and Managers in place shall continue to act and conduct the business and affairs of the Institution; and in cases of any vacancy in the Board of Managers, by death, resignation, removal from the State, or repeated omission to attend their meetings, the Managers shall have the power to fill such vacancy by the nomination of another contributor, until the next annual election. No person but a contributor shall be elected a manager.

SECTION 3. That any contributor, who has already or shall hereafter subscribe the sum of one thousand dollars as a single benefaction, or who has already subscribed a less sum and shall increase the same to one thousand dollars, or who shall hereafter subscribe a less sum and subsequently increase the same to one thousand dollars, on payment of the same into the treasury, shall be entitled to become a manager for life, and shall have the right to nominate and send in one patient to the Hospital. *Provided*, the person so nominated shall be of the condition, and fall within and comply with the rules that may be established for the government of the Institution; and the same privileges and rights shall be conferred on any person who shall subscribe and secure

the payment of one hundred dollars per annum for life, or for the period of fifteen years.

SECTION 4. That the said corporation shall have power and authority to adopt and use a common seal, and to alter the same at pleasure, and under aforesaid name, style and title of "The Western Pennsylvania Hospital," may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of record and elsewhere; may purchase, acquire, receive, take donations of (by will or otherwise,) hold and enjoy real, personal and mixed estate of any kind whatsoever, and may sell, convey, lease and encumber the same for the use, objects and benefit of the said Institution. They shall also, by their Board of Managers, have power to contract for and to erect all necessary buildings, and to make all the accommodations, arrangements and conveniencies requisite for the reception and care of patients; to make and declare a code of By-Laws for the government of the Board of Managers, of the patients, and of all the officers and persons appointed and employed in and about the Hospital; and they shall have power to appoint and to prescribe the functions and duties, and to compensate and remove at pleasure from their employment all the officers and attendants deemed necessary for the proper order, discipline, arrangements and management of the Hospital. The said Managers shall have the general control, government and management of the business concerns and economy of the Hospital, shall prescribe the kind and character of patients, and the terms and conditions upon which they shall be admitted into the Hospital or removed and discharged therefrom. *Provided,* That no person shall be admitted having any contagious or infectious disease. They shall have power also by their code of By-Laws to appoint and give public notice of the time and place for holding general meetings and elections by contributors, to constitute committees, and appoint visitors of inspection and superintendence to the Hospital, to control its finances, to order the payment, by instalments or otherwise, of the subscriptions made by the contributors, and to appoint and compensate, if they shall think proper, a Secretary and Treasurer, to prescribe their respective duties, and to oblige the latter to give bond, with

one or more sureties, for the faithful discharge of his official duties. *Provided*, That the said By-Laws and ordinances shall not be inconsistent with the constitution of the United States and of this State.

SECTION 5. That no member of the Board of Managers shall receive any pay or compensation whatsoever for attendance or discharge of his official duties as a manager; and all persons contributing twenty-five dollars shall be members of this Corporation, and entitled to vote for the members of the Board of Managers, or at any general meeting of the contributors, and shall be eligible to be elected to the management of its concerns.

SECTION 6. That at all the elections for managers, the votes shall be by ballot, and each member of the Corporation shall be entitled to one vote only, and the persons voted for having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected, and a written return of each election shall be certified and given to the Board of Managers, and entered on their minutes.

SECTION 7. That those persons whose conditions and diseases render them the proper objects of charity or care of the said Hospital, may be received from any part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, without preference or partiality; but in cases of serious accidental wounds, provided they occur within the said Commonwealth, the residence of the party shall be no objection to admission and surgical aid; and in deciding upon the admission of patients, there shall be no discriminations as to religious denominations, and clergymen shall always have access to patients of their own religious persuasion, subject to the general By-Laws in reference to the admission of visitors.

SECTION 8. Whereas, experience and the present general impressions seem to indicate that it would be more expedient and conducive to humanity, and the benevolent objects in view, to keep separate and distinct the insane patients from the other classes of the afflicted: Be it, therefore enacted, that the Board of Managers of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, if they shall hereafter deem it more expedient and humane, shall have power to make the separation and erect distinct establishments for the said two classes of patients. *Provided*, That the same

shall be approved and sanctioned by the contributors to the Institution, at a general meeting to be convened at Pittsburgh, upon a reasonable and public notice to be given by the Board of Managers.

SECTION 9. That the estate and property of the said Hospital shall be exempt from taxation, so long as the same shall be used, conducted and employed as a public Hospital or Asylum for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned; nor shall the ground of the said Hospital be subject or liable to have any public road, street, lane or alley laid out or opened through it as long as the same shall be used and employed for the purposes aforesaid.

SECTION 10. That the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Western Pennsylvania Hospital Society and the Pittsburgh Board of Trade," passed the third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, be, and the same is hereby repealed, so far as relates to the said hospital society, and all other acts relative to a Western Pennsylvania Hospital be, and they are hereby repealed.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,

Speaker of the Senate.

Approved the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
Harrisburgh, April 7th, 1848. }

PENNSYLVANIA, 33.

[L. S.] I do certify that the within and foregoing is a true copy of the original Act of Assembly now on file in this office.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said office, the day and year above written.

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